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PASS LABOR FOR SECRETARY DUNLOP, SEGALL AND PERSONS

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TAGS: ILO, PORG

SUBJ: ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL TO REQUEST MEETING WITH
SECRETARIES KISSINGER AND DUNLOP

1. HIGH OFFICIALS OF ILO ATTENDING ILO ASIAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE
HAVE ADVISED USDEL THAT BLANCHARD WILL REQUEST MEETING WITH
SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER AND DOL SECRETARY DUNLOP TO DISCUSS
US RELATIONS WITH ILO. BLANCHARD REPORTEDLY WILL SEND LETTER
FROM GENEVA OCTOBER 6 OR 7 STATING HE AND OFFICERS OF ILO
GOVERNING BODY (GB) WILLING TO GO TO WASHINGTON ANYTIME BEFORE
NOVEMBER SESSION OF GB. BLANCHARD WILL ALSO INFORM AMBASSADOR
DALE OF REQUEST THIS WEEK. UNRELATED MEETINGS AT UN WILL BRING
BLANCHARD TO NEW YORK DURING WEEK OF OCTOBER 19.

2. IDEA OF CONSULTATION WITH KISSINGER AND DUNLOP APPARENTLY
ORIGINATED WITH GB CHAIRMAN COOK (AUSTRALIA) WHO FEARS US
NOTICE OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM ILO MIGHT BE RAISED AT
GB NOVEMBER SESSION. COOK WANTS TO GIVE APPEARANCE THAT
BLANCHARD AND GB OFFICERS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HANDLE
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"CRISIS" WITH US. EMPLOYER (BERGENSTROM) AND WORKER (MORRIS)

VICE-CHAIRMEN AND BLANCHARD AGREED IN LAST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER THAT CONSULTATION AT HIGHEST LEVELS USG IN PRINCIPLE WAS GOOD IDEA.

3. BLANCHARD MADE DECISION TO REQUEST INTERVIEW WHEN REPORT REACHED HIM HERE THAT CONGRESS HAD NOT PASSED APPROPRIATION BILL THAT WOULD HAVE PERMITTED US TO PAY ILO DUES FOR FIRST HALF CY 75. BLANCHARD TOLD GENEVA LABATT THAT PURPOSE OF KISSINGER/DUNLOP MEETING WAS TO MAKE COLLEGE TRY TO DISSUADE US FROM GIVING NOTICE OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW, BUT MORE IMPORTANT, TO MAKE SERIOUS EFFORT TO DISSUADE USG FROM STATING REASONS FOR DISCONTENT WITH ILO IN NOTICE OF INTENT (AS GENEVA REPORTED BEFORE, BLANCHARD FEELS FORMAL LISTING OR PUBLICATION BY US OF ITS COMPLAINTS WOULD GIVE APPEARANCE OF BLACKMAIL AND WOULD GUARANTEE FAILURE OF US EFFORTS TO TURN ILO BACK TO ITS TECHNICAL MISSION. BLANCHARD ALSO HOPES MEETING WOULD GIVE HIM HIGH-LEVEL READING ON WHEN US MIGHT PAY 1975 ASSESSMENT ALTHOUGH FRG AND JAPAN SEEM LIKELY TO PAY THEIR ASSESSMENTS THIS MONTH, WITHOUT SOME ASSURANCE OF US PAYMENT, BLANCHARD IS FACED NEXT YEAR WITH CHOICE OF BORROWING MONEY OR CUTTING PROGRAM AND PERSONNEL. ACCORDING TO HIS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, FORTIN, BLANCHARD CONSIDERING ASKING SOVIETS FOR ADVANCE PAYMENT OF SECOND HALF OF 75 ASSESSMENT WHICH SOVIETS USUALLY MAKE IN DECEMBER).

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